



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

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Dear Counselor-in-Training (C.I.T.) Applicant:

We are pleased you have expressed an interest in our C.I.T. program which is designed for teens, **14 years of age or older**, who want to further develop their leadership and communication skills as well as gain experience in planning and instructing activities for young children.

Acceptance into this program is based on an application and interview process. Selected C.I.T.s will be assigned to a counselor and a group of children and be given a list of tasks to complete during the camp session. To be considered for an interview for the summer C.I.T. program, you must first complete the attached application and submit it to the camp program coordinator at the location you are interested in. The locations and contact names are listed below.

Selected applicants must commit to at least one week (the weekly CIT fee is \$95) and attend the C.I.T. Leadership Training on Saturday, June 22, 2013 from 9am-noon (location TBA). It is important for all selected applicants to attend. CIT Handbooks and shirts will be distributed at this training.

Participating Sites	Address	Phone	Programmer
Cub Run RECenter	4630 Stonecroft Blvd Chantilly, VA 20151	(703) 817-9407	Natalie Sandelli
Oak Marr RECenter	3200 Jermantown Rd. Oakton 22124	(703) 281-6501	Kathy Cahill
Mt. Vernon RECenter	2017 Belle View Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22307	(703) 768-3224	Josh Colman
Lake Accotink Park	7500 Accotink Park Rd. Springfield 22150	(703) 569-3464	Chris Goldbecker
Lee District RECenter	6601 Telegraph Rd. Franconia 22310	(703) 922-9841	Dawn Stoffelen
Providence RECenter	7525 Marc Dr. Falls Church 22041	(703) 698-1351	Leeanne Russell
South Run RECenter	7550 Reservation Dr. Springfield 22153	(703) 866-0566	Robin Marshall
Spring Hill RECenter	1239 Spring Hill Rd. McLean 22102	(703) 827-0989	Dan Grulke
Audrey Moore REC.	8100 Braddock Rd. Annandale 22003	(703) 321-7081	Paige Tucker
Frying Pan Park	2709 West Ox Rd Herndon, VA 20171	(703) 437-9101	Nicole Falceto
Huntley Meadows	3701 Lockheed Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22306	(703) 768-2525	Meagen Keefe



If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.

Fairfax County Park Authority
CIT (Counselor-in-Training) Application



Name: _____
Last First M.I. Date of Birth

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Parent / Legal Guardian Name: _____

(Minimum Requirement is one week) Please list the dates for which you are applying: _____

Check all that apply. I prefer to work with: School-agers _____ Preschoolers _____

Sports-type Camps _____ Nature Camps _____ Arts/Games Camps _____

Have you ever attended one of our camps? Circle: Yes / No

Have you ever been a C.I.T. before? Circle: Yes / No If so, when and where? _____

Why do you want to be a C.I.T.? _____

Describe all of your experience in dealing with children: _____

Do you have any special skills (speaks another language) or talents that may be useful in being a C.I.T.? _____

What do you think campers want from their C.I.T.? _____

Please list two references (not including family members – include names and phone numbers):

1.

2.

I certify that the above information is true. I understand that selection into the C.I.T. program is based on this application and an interview.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Fairfax County Park Authority Camp Program Counselor-In-Training Rules of Conduct



This document is a requirement for those selected in to the program.

Counselor-in-Training agrees to:

- ❖ Stay with assigned group at all times unless otherwise stated by the camp counselor. If on an assigned task, CIT shall not deviate from task for personal needs.
- ❖ Follow directions as given by program leaders
- ❖ Maintain personal care and wear appropriate camp attire as described below. CIT's arriving at camp without appropriate attire will be asked to leave the site.
- ❖ Never be alone with children.
- ❖ Respect others in what you say and do. CITs shall never use inappropriate language while in the vicinity of the site.
- ❖ Refrain from using a cell phone during camp hours. CITs may keep a cell phone on their person, in the vibrate or silent position. CITs found using a cell phone for any reason during camp hours will immediately forfeit their right to carry the cell phone. Confiscated cell phones will remain in the camp office until the end of the day, when a parent/guardian may pick up the phone. CITs needing to make an emergency phone call during the day will have access to a site phone under counselor/coordinator supervision.
- ❖ Greet parents and children at the beginning of the day and acknowledge them at departure.
- ❖ Be involved and engaged with campers throughout the entire camp day.
- ❖ Get to know campers' names on the first day
- ❖ Never use physical punishment, restrain or force a child.
- ❖ Be of good character –fostering the Character Counts Program
- ❖ Follow pool rules and model good pool behavior. CITs are expected to swim with the group. CITs may not be in the locker room alone
- ❖ CITs are not permitted to use the sauna or spas.
- ❖ Keep campers' information confidential.
- ❖ Take care of personal belongings & keep belongings out of campers' reach.
- ❖ Use equipment and supplies in a safe and appropriate manner.
- ❖ Teasing and bullying are not tolerated and are grounds for enrollment termination for campers and counselors in training. Observing bullying and not communicating it to a counselor is just as bad as doing the bullying yourself.
- ❖ Never say or do anything that campers might perceive as teasing and/or bullying.
- ❖ Create a safe and fun environment.
- ❖ Notify a counselor if a child is injured...this includes broken or lost teeth, bruises, and cuts. CITs are not permitted to administer any first aid.
- ❖ Report problems to supervisors concerning campers and staff and use appropriate chain of command.
- ❖ Never come to work while under the influence of any drugs or alcohol.

The following dress code is enforced to ensure CITs are proper role models while fostering a positive self-image. Site management may have additional dress code regulations. CITs failing to come to work properly dressed will be asked to leave the site immediately.

- 1.) FCPA issued camp shirt must be worn each day (you will be issued more than one)
- 2.) You may not alter the camp staff shirt
- 3.) You must wear closed-toed shoes; no sandals, no Tevas, no flip flops, etc
- 4.) Shorts may be worn as long as they are below mid-thigh
- 5.) No jeans or jean shorts
- 6.) Hats: no skull caps, no bandanas. Baseball hats are acceptable only if worn with lid facing forward (backwards/sideways not permitted)
- 7.) No Lycra or Spandex clothing
- 8.) For safety reasons, dangling jewelry (hoops, etc) is prohibited
- 9.) Swimsuits for women must be one piece or tankinis
- 10.) Shorts, hats, etc shall not have pictures or words implying or relating to profanity, vulgarity or sexual connotations
- 11.) CITs must come to work clean and neatly groomed
- 12.) CITs must leave their shirt on at all times except during swimming activities.

Initial on appropriate line:

- ❖ I have read & understand the Dress Code - _____
- ❖ Chain of command for all camp issues, from staff issues to camper issues is as follows: Counselor, Head Counselor (where applicable), Camp Coordinator/Director, Land Programmer, Assistant Site manager (where applicable), Site manager, Youth Services Program Specialist. I have read & understand the chain of command- _____

Grounds for Immediate Dismissal (no refund given):

- A parent who refuses to follow FCPA policies as stated in the parent packet
- A CIT who brings a weapon to camp
- A CIT who intentionally harms himself or causes injury to another child or staff member
- A CIT who vandalizes the property of the camp facility, staff or other children
- A CIT who steals items from the camp facility, staff or other children
- A CIT who displays inappropriate behaviors repeatedly
- A CIT who fails to comply with the Rules of Conduct
- A CIT who fails to display appropriate respect to authority figures on site

We have read and understand the rules of conduct and agree to uphold them to maintain a safe and enjoyable camp experience for everyone.

Counselor in Training's Name (please print) _____
Signature of CIT _____ Date _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____
Parent's Home Phone _____ Cell phone _____